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SUBJ: RESEARCH ON COLOMBIAN IMPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION OF ETHERS

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1. HAVE DISCUSSED REFERENCED PROJECT WITH SAIC GONZALEZ,
DEA INTEL ANALYST ECON AND COMMERCIAL ATTACHE.
2. BDO NOW WISHES DELAY FULL-SCALE RESEARCH UNTIL PLANNING
FOR NEW OPERATION AIMED AT COCAINE PROCESSORS IS COMPLETE.
BDO BELIEVES THAT TO EMBARK UPON ETHERS STUDY AT THIS TIME
WOULD
ALERT COCAINE TRAFFICKERS/PROCESSORS AND HARM PLANNED
OPERATION.

3. IN MEANTIME, COMMERCIAL ATTACHE WILL WORK UP BASIC DATA
ON ETHERS IMPORTS AND MISSION WILL REQUEST ASSISTANCE GOC
CUSTOMS REVIEW AND TABULATE STATISTICS ON EXPORTERS, IMPORTERS,
PACKAGING, LEGAL USES ETHERS, ETC. BECAUSE STUDY INVOLVES
REVIEWING INDIVIDUAL CUSTOMS INVOICES SINCE AT LEAST 1969-70
(NO STATISTICAL COMPILATIONS THESE INVOICES ARE KEPT BY GOC
CUTOMS), ESTIMATE ENTIRE JOB COULD INVOLVE UP TO TWO MAN-
MONTHS WORK.
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